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oc·cur·rence (ə-kuh-rēns)

- n.*
1. The action, fact, or instance of occurring: *The occurrence of snow is rare in these parts.*
 2. Something that takes place; an event or incident: *warlike occurrences.*

oc·cur·rent adj.

Synonyms: occurrence, happening, event, incident, episode

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